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DIARY NOTES

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1. Talked to Matt Baird prior to his departure overseas. He told me that the Office of Training needed \$18,000 to see Project [redacted] through the month of January. I asked Ed Saunders to take care of this.

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2. Matt also said that a project would be coming up requesting approval to spend \$24,000 for the rehabilitation of quarters at [redacted]. He is also sending up a project to expand recreational activities and specifically wants to build a gymnasium at a cost of from \$150,000 to \$200,000. I suggested that he have his man talk to Larry Houston before submitting the project. It might be better to submit it under something other than a "recreational" heading.

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3. Matt says that so many individuals in the Agency are receiving invitations to be guest lecturers he thinks it might be worthwhile to centralize all such requests; he also thinks that inasmuch as the Office of Training is getting most of them it might well have the function. I agreed to take this up at the Deputies' Meeting.

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4. The Insurance and Casualty Division in the Office of Personnel is apparently bogged down again. I told Harry Reynolds that I would authorize him a temporary increase in ceiling in order to overcome this situation. I made this commitment, however, with the understanding that he could keep current if he did overcome his backlog.

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25X1A6A 5. Talked to Frank Wisner about seeing Mr. [redacted] in connection with the [redacted] contract and told him that I thought we could go ahead on this without his help. He agreed.

6. Matt Baird advised that Kirk had completed his JOT survey and that he, Baird, had seen a draft of the report. He said that Kirk again recommended combining the Office of Personnel and the Office of Training. Matt requested Kirk not to submit the paper with this recommendation in it. I also talked to Kirk on this matter and told him that I had no objection whatever to putting in the recommendation but that I would resist its implementation. I also stated that if this were not very closely held rumors might start flying which would be detrimental to morale. Also discussed with Matt the Junior Career Development and Career Development slots. It is my belief that these should be eliminated, and I think that Kirk may also have touched on this in his report.

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7. Harry says that a Mr. [] has been pressuring him on behalf of a Mr. [] a Latin American expert in the Foreign Operations Administration who is now a grade GS-18. Told Harry that I would mention this at the Deputies' Meeting to see if anyone had any special interest in Mr. []

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8. Frank Wisner telephoned to say that he had arranged to send me a copy of a cable in which [] had asked for special treatment of [] of [], who is going out to the Far East. After I have read the cable Frank wants to discuss it with me and possibly the boss.

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9. At a Deputies' Meeting this week Mr. Dulles mentioned that [] had recommended to him that a closer relationship be established between the Technical Services Staff and the Medical Staff. [] commented that there were lots of problems in this area and General Cabell said that he did not think that this suggestion was advisable or practicable. His argument was apparently hinged around the fact that he thought the Medical Staff should be conventional and that the area in which the Technical Services Staff was working with [] was quite unconventional. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that there was a study now in the mill called "Medical Relationship Liaison" which would be out shortly and which he thought would bring the whole problem into focus.

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10. At a Deputies' Meeting this week [] raised the question of [] return to the Agency. Mr. Dulles asked Dick to discuss this with him later.

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11. [] advises me that we have completed our exchange of correspondence with [] and are going forward with giving [] an option on three of our C-46's. We also have been awarded the [] for February which will probably further alienate []

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12. [] advises me that [] has accepted the position in the Office of the Director subject to the approval of General Cabell and Mr. Dulles with whom he is to have interviews.

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